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Honorable Pete Buttigieg Secretary, United States Department of Transportation West Building 1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E. Washington, D.C. 20590

## Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

On behalf of the Board of Directors and members of the International Bridge, and Turnpike Association (IBTTA), we would like to extend our congratulations on your confirmation as U.S. Secretary of Transportation. We are looking forward to continuing our strong partnership with the U.S. Department of Transportation as we work to advance the nation's transportation interests at a critical and challenging time.

IBTTA is the worldwide association for the owners and operators of toll facilities and the businesses that serve them. Founded in 1932, IBTTA has members in 23 countries on six continents. In the United States, there are 129 toll operators in 34 states responsible for some of the nation's most critical infrastructure. In 2019, more than 8.3 billion trips were taken on major toll roads, bridges, and tunnels, generating more than \$22 billion in toll revenues. IBTTA members are implementing state-of-the-art infrastructure and systems, using innovative user-based transportation financing solutions to address the nation's transportation needs. Our Association provides a common place for advocacy, thought leadership, information exchange, and education, to ensure strong transportation leadership and vibrant mobility solutions for the 21st century.

We would like to propose a meeting with you, your key staff and IBTTA's leadership to discuss the Biden Administration's Build Back Better program, your priorities and how we can partner to achieve those goals.

Transportation in the U.S. is at a watershed moment, and IBTTA supports significant new levels of investment to address critical infrastructure needs and leverage opportunities. This will be a critical year to stimulate the economy and pass a bipartisan surface transportation reauthorization that gives states greater ability to pursue new revenue sources to rebuild and modernize infrastructure, enhance convenient and safe mobility, and confront climate change. IBTTA stands ready to do its part. The transportation operators and business members of IBTTA are experts in transportation finance, infrastructure, operations, technology, and management, and are uniquely positioned to leverage user payment principles to guide equitable mobility solutions and investment for the future.

Once again, please accept our sincere congratulations on your confirmation and our best wishes for much success during your tenure with the Department of Transportation.

Sincerely,

Mark Compton President, IBTTA

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Patrick D. Jones

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